

Ag missionary baptized 4,000 just last year

By Robert O'Brien

KYELA, Tanzania (BP)—Doug Knapp, 57-year-old agricultural missionary turned church planter, has discovered persistent cultivation causes churches and baptisms to sprout faster than seeds in the futile soil of Tanzania's Kyela district.

Knapp and African evangelists have started more than 160 churches since 1975 and baptized at least 11,400 since 1978 in increasing numbers each year in the 1,000-square-mile district. They began with 476 baptisms in 1978 and topped 5,000 last year.

The gains keep coming despite a severe fuel crisis in Tanzania which caused either statistical decreases or no gain in 13 of the country's 22 associations of Baptist churches last year because of decreased mobility of Southern Baptist missionaries.

The 5,000 baptisms in 1983 grew mainly out of simultaneous crusades in 1982, led by Knapp and 10 preachers from Florida. The Kyela district has had growing results in five similar crusades every two years since 1976.

19-day crusade

This year, a 19-day crusade featuring Knapp and five Tennessee pastors netted 4,119 professions of faith. It came after nearly 1,000 persons accepted Christ in Bukoba, Tanzania, in a shorter crusade led by missionaries David and Betty Ann Whitson and volunteers from Texas and North Carolina.

The latest evangelistic effort in Kyela should result in another large number of baptisms in 1984 for Knapp, who personally immersed 4,000 of the 5,000 persons baptized there last year.

"If Doug Knapp lived in the U.S., he'd have led the Southern Baptist Convention in baptisms last year," one observer quipped.

Knapp himself takes a more low-key approach in analyzing the results.

"I'll have to admit that's a lot of people when you stand there in the water and have them go by one by one," he said. "But I can't take credit for all that myself. I multiply myself and my efforts through the lives of other men."

"I do a lot of preaching and personal witnessing, but I obviously can't get around and start all those churches and win all those people myself," he

continued. "I feel like my gift is more in planning, leading and feeding Christians than in evangelism."

Knapp's work really began to grow when he selected and trained five successful Tanzanian pastors to evangelize and plant churches in five natural divisions of Kyela district.

He had noticed each of the five bivocational farmer-pastors had built large congregations and planted a number of other churches as far as they could reach in their home areas.

Needed mobility

That got him to wondering if they could do the same thing in more distant places if they could give full time and had the necessary mobility and resources.

They could, and they did. Now the five fan out through their areas on motorcycles Knapp was able to provide. Their work has even overflowed the banks of the Songwe River which separates Tanzania's Kyela district from the neighboring country of Malawi.

African evangelist Simoni Mwambobi, who could probably qualify as Tanzania Baptists' first "foreign" missionary, crossed the Songwe and started six churches in Malawi. He expects soon to add seven more and eventually form an association.

The Malawi churches, distant from the nearest Southern Baptist mission work in the country, will result in a new growth point to boost the work of Malawi Baptists.

Doug and Evelyn Knapp live in a converted barn at the Baptist Demonstration Farm in Kyela district, which still serves as a hub of agricultural ministries. But now they place more emphasis on evangelism, church planting and construction, follow-up, and leadership training. The district recently counted its 200th church, topping a goal the Knapps set to achieve before going on furlough later this year.

"We're not coming to them cold," Knapp said. "They'll listen to Baptists because they know us and trust us."

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Doug Knapp (front right) and Simoni Mwambobi (back right) baptize together in the Songwe River, part of the border between Malawi and Tanzania. Mwambobi, a Tanzanian whose mother came from Malawi, has helped establish churches in Malawi. He is one of five bivocational

pastors who work with Knapp to evangelize and plant churches in the Kyela district. Together they helped win more than 5,000 persons to Christ during 1983, and Knapp personally baptized 4,000 of them. (BP) Photo by Joanna Pinneo.

During World's Fair

Baptists minister in Quarter

NEW ORLEANS — A brass band plays, then two mimes and a street magician vie for the attention of passers-by. The famed French Quarter has its own unique brand of entertainment.

But these performers are a bit different from the Quarter's normal fare. They are Southern Baptist college students and they're sharing the Christian message with the world.

The Louisiana World Exposition is expected to attract 12 million visitors to New Orleans this year and Southern Baptists have set up a three-pronged ministry to reach those millions. The French Quarter effort is part of that ministry.

Student missionaries and church volunteers are spearheading the effort. While some perform, others pass out tracts and witness to those who stop to watch.

During the first three weeks of the world's fair, 16,000 tracts were distributed and three persons accepted

Christ as Saviour, according to Jimmie Knox, director of Baptist Exposition Ministries.

In addition to the entertainment teams, Knox said volunteers are witnessing in the French Quarter at night. The effort at night has brought the most results with all three professions of faith coming on one night.

BEM is operating on a \$360,000 budget and is sponsored primarily by the Louisiana Baptist Convention, the Home Mission Board, the Baptist Association of Greater New Orleans, and New Orleans Seminary. The Sunday School Board is printing the tracts.

Knox said, "The exciting part of the ministry is how the Lord has opened a lot of doors," including the acquisition of prime office space in the Quarter.

The tracts being distributed were specially designed for the world's fair ministry by Thomas Starkes, professor of Christian missions and

world religions at New Orleans Seminary. There are three tracts, each depicting a scene in New Orleans, but with a common message inside.

Knox said the tracts were designed to look like a "souvenir piece" so people would not just throw them down. They also fit conveniently in a shirt pocket.

Seven summer missionaries, 10 six-month missionaries and hundreds of volunteers are passing out the tracts. The missionaries' salaries are paid by the Home Mission Board, with BEM responsible for their housing, meals, and transportation.

The missionaries are staying in the Rachel Sims Baptist Mission in New Orleans. Transportation of the students to the Quarter was a problem until Crescent City Baptist High School provided use of its buses for the summer months. After that, Knox will have to find another source of transportation.

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Was the preamble adopted?

It is possible that the subject of the greatest amount of debate since the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City has been the resolution that was adopted on ordination and the role of women in ministry.

The focus for the debate has not been the resolution itself but instead the preamble, the part that has the "Whereas" paragraphs. The one on women was particularly lengthy.

Because of their great length, the **Baptist Record** historically has not printed the "Whereas" portions of the resolutions. The statement is not in the preamble but in the resolution. The preamble, according to **Robert's Rules of Order**, states the reason for making the statement.

In the case of the resolution on women, however, there has been more discussion on the reason for the resolution than on the resolution itself. Because of this, we felt it would be appropriate to run the entire preamble for that resolution.

In light of this, however, it must be noted that there is some amount of evidence that the Southern Baptist Convention, in the throes of parliamentary procedure, did not adopt the preamble to any of the resolutions, including the one on women. And while that statement may not apply to those resolutions on which there was no discussion, it is a very distinct possibility that resolutions on which there was discussion, and which discussion was cut short because of a convention-imposed time limitation, were adopted without their preambles being adopted also.

Robert's Rules of Order specifies, as was noted by the parliamentarians, that the preambles to resolutions cannot be debated until the resolutions are adopted. That is reasonable, for if the resolution is amended, there might be the necessity of an amendment on the preamble also. The **Rules of Order** go on to state that if

there is a call for the previous question that cuts off debate on the resolution before there is an opportunity to debate the preamble, then the preamble must be separated from the resolution and time given for debate on it also.

(**Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised**, Copyright 1981, Page 89.)

Before the resolutions were presented, the convention honored President Jimmy Draper's request that an 8-minute time limit be placed on the discussion of each of the resolutions. There were 10, which meant a total of 80 minutes. The ruling was, however, that no resolution was to be debated for more than 8 minutes, which could have caused the entire procedure to be over in less than 80 minutes.

This effectively cut off debate at the end of 8 minutes; and, on the resolution on women, there was still debate going on. An attempt to amend the preamble was denied because of the ruling that the disposition of the resolution must be settled before debating the preamble. Thus there was no debate on the preamble and no vote on it.

A minor point some might say, but there were many people at the convention who would have changed the preamble if given opportunity. And while they might have been voted down, there was no vote; and **Robert's Rules** would indicate that the preamble was not adopted.

Why bring it up now? Because a lot of people have expressed dismay that the Southern Baptist Convention would adopt it.

Perhaps it didn't.

The entire preamble and the resolution are presented.

Resolution No. 3 On Ordination and the Role of Women in Ministry

WHEREAS, We, the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Kansas City, June 12-14, 1984, recognize the authority of Scripture in all matters of faith and practice including the autonomy of the local church; and

WHEREAS, The New Testament enjoins all Christians to proclaim the gospel; and

WHEREAS, The New Testament churches as a community of faith recognizing God's ordination and anointing of some believers for special ministries (e.g., I Timothy 2:7; Titus 1:15) and in consequence of their demonstrated loyalty to the Gospel, conferred public blessing and engaged in public dedicatory prayer setting them apart for service; and

WHEREAS, The New Testament does not mandate that all who are divinely called to ministry be ordained; and

WHEREAS, In the New Testament, ordination symbolizes spiritual succession to the world task of proclaiming and extending the Gospel of Christ, and not a sacramental transfer of unique divine grace that perpetuates apostolic authority; and

WHEREAS, The New Testament emphasizes the equal dignity of men and women (Gal. 3:28) and that the Holy Spirit was at Pentecost divinely outpoured on men and women alike

(Acts 2:17); and

WHEREAS, Women as well as men prayed and prophesied in public workshop services (I Cor. 11:2-16), and Priscilla joined her husband in teaching Apollos (Acts 18:26), and women fulfilled special church service-ministries as exemplified by Phoebe whose work Paul tributes as that of a servant of the church (Rom. 16:1); and

WHEREAS, The Scriptures attest to God's delegated order of authority (God the head of Christ, Christ the head of man, man the head of woman, man and woman dependent one upon the other to the glory of God) distinguishing the roles of men and women in public prayer and prophecy (I Cor. 11:2-5); and

WHEREAS, The Scriptures teach that women are not in public worship to assume a role of authority over men lest confusion reign in the local church (I Cor. 14:33-36); and

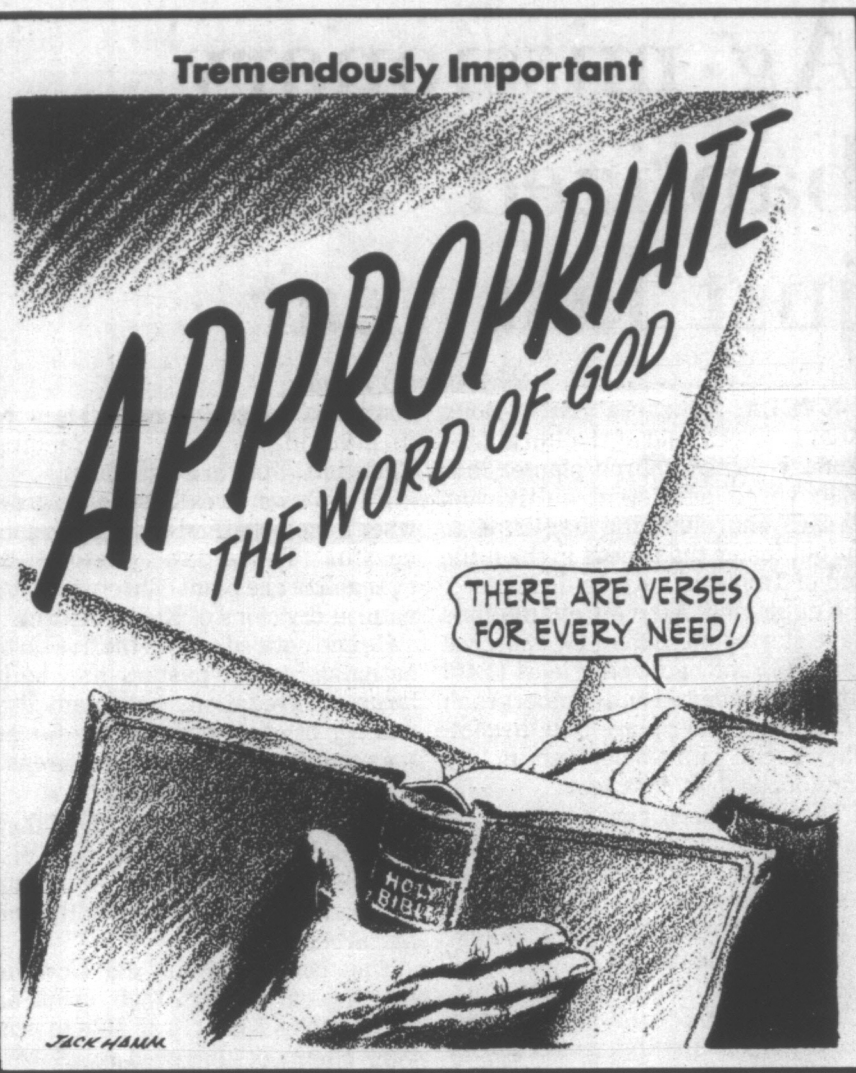
WHEREAS, While Paul commends women and men alike in other roles of ministry and service (Titus 2:1-10), he excludes women from pastoral leadership (I Tim. 2:12) to preserve a submission God requires because the man was first in creation and the woman was first in the Edenic fall (I Tim. 2:13ff); and

WHEREAS, These Scriptures are not intended to stifle the creative contribution of men and women as co-workers in many roles of church service, both on distant mission fields and in domestic ministries, but imply

that women and men are nonetheless divinely gifted for distinctive areas of evangelical engagement; and

WHEREAS, Women are held in high honor for their unique and significant contribution to the advancement of Christ's kingdom, and the building of godly homes should be esteemed for its vital contribution to developing personal Christian character and Christlike concern for others.

Therefore, be it **RESOLVED**, That



Guest opinion . . .

Medicine for the poor

By John F. Cole

Manaus is a city of approximately 1,000,000 people carved out of jungle so dense and dark that one dares not venture more than a few hundred feet from a road or clearing. It is the capitol city of the state of Amazonas, Brazil's last frontier. Stepping off a plane from America and walking into the jungle is like entering another world . . . the dark and foreboding tangled web of life where the threat of death comes from both fierce animals and fish, as well as from strange diseases.

The disease-parasite pattern for the jungle region of Brazil seems to conform to that one would expect anywhere under the conditions: high rainfall, high humidity, high temperatures, and low sanitation, coupled with low protein diet. These conditions exist in many areas of the world located on or near the equator, and with similar devastating results on the population, especially the children.

While in Manaus we toured two hospitals, a children's hospital and a tropical disease hospital. Here we saw the sadness and hopelessness that grip the poor in these countries. There are very few nurses at the hospitals, and at each patient's bedside there was a member of the immediate family. It is difficult to describe the looks of hopelessness and

despair we saw on the faces of so many as we passed by. When we carry our children to hospitals here in the United States, we do so with the knowledge that we will probably bring them back home in a few days healthy again. This is not the case in so many parts of the world. When we saw the medicine supply in the hospitals there, we understood why! We had more medicine in our hotel room than the combined stocks of the two hospitals we toured.

Being a pharmacist, I volunteered to go with a group from our church, Calvary, near Hattiesburg, as a medical missionary if needed. My wife Kathy, with years of experience in pharmacy work, volunteered to go also. We were pleased to learn we would be allowed to accompany the group and were encouraged to gather medicines of certain types needed in the Amazon region and to carry them with us.

We began our quest for medicines as soon as we were notified that we were members of the missionary team. To begin, we wrote to the pharmacies and hospitals of Mississippi and asked for any medicines they could give us that might be used on the mission trip. We sent each a list of the drugs needed and stated that we would accept anything they sent, even out-of-date medicines.

Since we were to leave in 10 days, we stated that we must receive all medicines within seven days. With this short notice we really expected very little help.

To our surprise, within three days after sending out the letters, we were overwhelmed with boxes of medicines coming in by every type of carrier. Pharmacies had medicines set to us by every available means. Then the local postal officials called to tell us they had so many boxes of medicines that we would have to send a truck to get them. Before we were through, we had 110 large boxes of medicines. The really pleasant surprise came when we opened the boxes. Almost every sender had sent many items we had listed among our needs. Quite a few sent at least a box of 12 Vermox tablets, the new tablets used to treat most types of worms in children, and which has a wholesale cost of about \$2 per tablet. One man personally sent us six boxes or 72 tablets.

When we later unpacked and sorted the medicines in Brazil, we found that we had carried in enough medicines to treat thousands of people with many kinds of diseases, even some unknown in the United States.

Before our departure, most of the medicine was donated to a Baptist (Continued on page 5)

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Eight associations have ACTS boards

By Tim Nicholas

Eight ACTS boards are in existence in Mississippi at the present time with a total of 50 Baptist churches participating statewide. ACTS boards commit themselves to getting the ACTS television network on the air in their area. They negotiate with local cable operators and agree to help in funding the programming which is produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth, Tex.

The eight associations participating are Hinds-Madison, Lebanon, Jones, Lauderdale, Bolivar, Pike, Warren, and Rankin. Programming is not on the air in Rankin, Pike, and Warren.

Capitol Cablevision is working with the Hinds-Madison ACTS board and its 22 participating churches, in broadcasting ACTS programming in Jackson, Ridgeland, Madison, Clinton, Florence, and Richland. Joe Tuten, pastor of Calvary Church, Jackson, is chairman. The board has put off decisions on local programming till September and a committee is working on a rate schedule for participating and non-participating churches and businesses for broadcasting purposes. ACTS is on Capitol Cablevision's cable channel 6.

Counselor training

The board has also begun training telephone counselors for persons requesting counseling during airing of "Invitation to Life" an evangelistic program. A total of 75 counselors have been trained and several denominations are in the referral system.

Lebanon Association has had ACTS programming on the air since May 12 on General Electric Cablevision's channel 6. Three churches participate on the board, according to chairman Joel Ray, director of missions. The board is using the facilities of First Church, Hattiesburg, with local programming commitments to First Church and the University of Southern Mississippi. Coverage is in Hattiesburg, Petal, and parts of Forest, Lamar, and Perry counties.

Vincent Smith, pastor of 15th Avenue Church, Meridian, is chairman of the ACTS board for Lauderdale Association. He says 14 churches are on the local board, with committees developing local programming. "We hope by late summer we will have local origination programs in place to tell of associational and church events," said Smith. The association was installing equipment at the Lauderdale Baptist Center and the group was developing the possibility of a studio at the center.

ACTS in the county is broadcast through the TV Selection System which is on cable 11.

John Marshall, minister of education at First Church, Laurel, is Jones County ACTS board chairman. He reports that there is a temporary verbal agreement with Laurel Comcast for broadcasting on cable channel 20, which is the second tier of the cable system's subscription service. Four churches are participating on the ACTS board.

Bolivar County's ACTS board

chairman is Bob Nance, a member of First Church, Cleveland, and owner of a laundry. Two churches and Delta State University's Baptist Student Union are on the ACTS board. Presently, First Church, Cleveland cablecasts about 20 hours a week and plans to cooperate with the ACTS network to broadcast ACTS programming during the church's cable time.

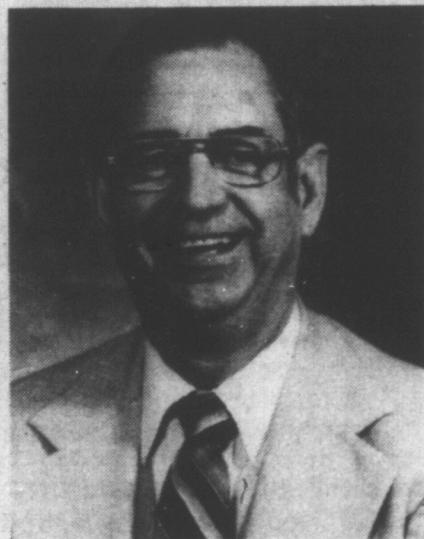
The cable system is Warner Amex Cable with the programming on cable channel 10.

Three awaiting

Rankin County cable system Torrance Cablevision, has not begun showing ACTS programming, but ACTS board chairman Bob Jackson, pastor of First Church, Brandon, said there was a commitment for providing major interdenominational groups with air time. Jackson said he hoped the programming could be on the air within a matter of weeks.

Pike and Warren Associations, with three churches participating, are awaiting commitment from Sammons Communications (of Texas) according to Glen Williams, director of missions and ACTS board chairman.

MBCB's Leon Emery sets retirement at end of '84



Emery

Leon Emery, director of the Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department, has announced that he would retire as of the end of December, 1984.

Emery began his work with the convention board in 1963 when he became associate secretary of the Cooperative Missions Department. In 1975-76 he was a consultant for church administration. And in 1977, his work achieved department status.

He has been director of missions for Washington and for Bolivar Associations. And pastorates included Morrison Chapel, Cleveland; Melrose Church, Yazoo County; O'Neal Church, O'Neal, S.C.; and Mountain Hill Church, Traveler's Rest, S.C. He also served in World War II.

Mississippians in area

Robbers kill Jamaican, seize volunteers' goods

By Mary Jane Welch

BROWNSTOWN, Jamaica (BP)—Armed robbers beat and shot a guard and broke down the door of a Jamaican villa July 18 to rob a group of Georgia Baptist volunteers who were in Jamaica to help with Vacation Bible Schools.

The Jamaican guard, Austin Robinson, 48, died later at a hospital, leaving a wife of three months and children from a previous marriage. He recently had become a Christian and had been baptized the week before, said Frank Sledge, the only volunteer injured in the robbery.

Sledge, pastor of Franklin Road Church, LaGrange, Ga., was bruised by the robbers, who held a gun to his head during the robbery and threatened to cut his fingers off when

he had trouble removing his class ring.

Sledge's wife, Nancy, and two other women were threatened but uninjured by the robbers.

The Franklin Road group was among 448 Southern Baptist volunteers from 15 states including Mississippi in Jamaica for a week of Vacation Bible Schools and evangelistic services sponsored by the Southern

Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

The robbers entered the Castle Peak Villa on the northern side of the island about 2:30 a.m. and went first to the Sledges' bedroom, ransacking the room and taking their valuables, including Sledge's attache case containing the group's passports and other papers.

Forcing Sledge to go with them, (Continued on page 6)

Paralyzed missionary recovering, going back

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—A Southern Baptist missionary struck down in January by a temporarily paralyzing disease expects to return to Bangladesh Aug. 5.

Randy Rains says he now has about 80 to 85 percent of his normal strength—six months after excruciating pain and almost total paralysis from the chest down put him flat on his back in serious condition.

Rains, a Tennessee native, struggled more than six weeks learning to regain control of his muscles to perform the most simple tasks, such as walking, dressing, and eating. The disease, Guillain-Barre syndrome, caused a condition that blocked messages flowing from the brain.

"I feel pretty good now," said Rains, 30, who has been speaking in churches during the past couple of months. "I can function normally under almost all circumstances."

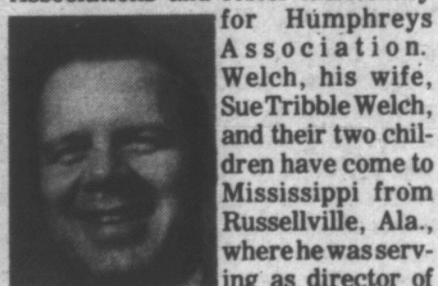
Rains, his wife, Betty, of Birmingham, Ala., and their three children had been in Bangladesh less than a month when he collapsed while climbing stairs. He was treated for a slipped disc, but three days later was lying in a Dhaka, Bangladesh, clinic partially paralyzed. He was flown home Jan. 24 on a stretcher in the back of a commercial airliner.

He and Betty will begin language studies immediately after settling back into life in Bangladesh. They will attend classroom sessions for a year, and, like other full-time language students, will be assigned no other major responsibilities. After language study he will be a general evangelist.

The Rainses had arrived in Bangladesh Dec. 23, after being appointed foreign missionaries last May. Her father, Padgett C. Cope, is a Southern Baptist pastor in Alabama and a former home missionary to New Jersey.

Jerald Welch is new DOM for Holmes, Leflore

Jerald L. Welch is the new director of missions for Holmes and Leflore Associations and foster missionary for Humphreys Association.



Welch

A native of Swiftown, Welch attended Mississippi College and received his master of theology degree from New Orleans Seminary in 1968. Welch served the following churches in Mississippi before going to Alabama: Sauls Valley, Monticello; Bethany, Merigold; Rena

Lara, Rena Lara; New Zion, Tyler-town; First, Isola. While pastor of First, Isola, he served as foster missionary for Humphreys Association.

Schedule difficult, not impossible

LUSAKA, Zambia—Most music directors wouldn't dream of presenting a cantata with only one full rehearsal. But Fred Allen did just that with 24 fellow Southern Baptist missionaries and children before a packed auditorium at Woodlands Baptist Church in Lusaka, Zambia. Knowing rehearsal would be limited at the missionaries' annual meeting, Allen mailed the music to participants and urged them to learn their parts. Small groups met as they could to practice, but the whole group got together only two hours before the concert. When the accompaniment tape didn't arrive, a frantic search turned up a pianist and the group drew rave reviews from the audience.



The Newells



The Hutchinsons

Foreign Board names Mississippians to posts

A Mississippi pastor and his wife have been appointed by the Foreign Mission Board as missionaries to Togo and another Mississippi native has been named president of the international Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

Michael and Lynn Hutchinson have been appointed to Togo where he will be a general evangelist and she will be a church and home worker. He is pastor of Kittiwake Church, Pass Christian.

Altus Newell, a native of Meridian, will serve as president of the seminary and his wife, the former Diane Barthel, a native of Jackson, will be a church and home worker.

Newell is pastor of First Church, Opelika, Ala. He has been associate pastor of Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, and was pastor of Rock Hill Church, Brandon. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and earned the master of divinity and doctor of philosophy degrees from Southern Seminary. She is a graduate of

Louisiana State University and earned the master of religious education degree from Southern Seminary.

The Newells have three children: Sarah Elizabeth, born in 1973; Amanda Leigh, 1976; and Justin Altus, 1979.

Newell will take his post in January of 1985 after orientation.

Hutchinson is a native of Mobile but considers Long Beach his hometown. He is a graduate of Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College and of William Carey College. He earned the master of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary.

Mrs. Hutchinson, the former Lynn Wood, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie C. Wood of Greenwood. Wood is pastor of Calvary Church, Greenwood.

Mrs. Hutchinson is a graduate of William Carey College and earned the master of social work degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. She has been an office worker at Carey and has been a social worker at Hancock General Hospital, Bay St. Louis.

David Grant announces Broadmoor retirement

David Grant, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, since 1958, will embark on a new career at the end of this year.

At that time he will retire from the pastorate to open a personal counseling service. Grant, who was president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, 1972-74, earned the specialist degree in counseling from Mississippi State University last December. Earlier, he had earned a master's degree in counseling from Mississippi College.

Grant says he is also qualifying to be a certified Continuing Witness Training seminar leader for the Home Mission Board.

And he plans to do pulpit supply and interim work.

Grant, who turns 65 on Dec. 29, earned a bachelor's degree from Mississippi College in 1945, a bachelor of divinity degree from Southern Seminary

in 1948, and a doctor of theology degree from Southern in 1951.

Mississippi College, on whose board Grant has served, awarded him the honorary doctor of divinity degree in 1973.

Grant, a Plantersville native, held a number of pastorates prior to his taking the Broadmoor pastorate in 1958. He was pastor of Drew; Burgin in Kentucky; Alpha and Lick Branch in Deputy, Ind.; Wayside in Scobey; Tilletoba; Scobey; and Beech Grove in Port Gibson.

He and his wife have three children.

December 9 will be a recognition day for the Grants at Broadmoor. His last sermon as pastor there will be Nov. 25.

Mt. Zion fund raiser

Mt. Zion Church (Clarke) has established July 29 as fund-raising day. All money taken in will go toward construction of a parsonage. T. E. Williams will speak at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be served. Terrell Morris is pastor.

Bond information needed

Editor:

Trinity Baptist Church, 4929 Southern Avenue, P. O. Box 4472, Biloxi, MS 39531 is currently searching for persons holding bonds from our church purchased during the summer of 1973. If you hold such bonds, or know of any person having same, we would like to hear from you. Our phone number is 388-4818. This request has to do with record keeping and is in no way indicative of a financial problem that would affect the worth of your bond(s).

William J. Abel, pastor

Ministry in Germany

Editor:

Our church, Anderson Memorial Baptist Church in Schweinfurt, West Germany, was recently informed that our present pastor would be leaving at the end of August 1984. A pastor search committee was formed; and we are now in the process of seeking an individual who, in accordance with God's will, desires to come to be the spiritual leader of our congregation.

Our church is affiliated with the European Baptist Convention and is founded upon the principles and doctrine of the Southern Baptist Convention. We request your assistance in making our needs known to any individual who feels led to minister to a military community here in Europe.

We are a small church with good growth potential and in need of a spiritual leader who is capable of coping with an ever changing congregation due to military commitments. We are fairly financially stable and will, within the next year, in conjunction with our German Baptist friends, begin construction of a new church building.

Please disseminate this information as much as possible so we can begin correspondence with anyone interested in coming to Schweinfurt. Thank you for any assistance you might give, and we solicit your prayers as we try to live within God's will.

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Ministry in Indiana

Editor:

Looking for a job change and looking for a challenge at the same time? We live in Goshen, Ind., a city of about 20,000. The crime rate is extremely low, the school systems are extraordinarily good, and the unemployment rate is way below the national average.

According to statistics furnished to us by the SBC Home Missions Board, about 65 percent of the populace is unsaved. I am pastor of the only SBC church in town. I have been here one year. There was a core of three SBC families when I arrived, and we've added one since then. We constituted as the Maple City Baptist Church on Oct. 23, 1983.

Our vision is to have a strong

evangelistic church here. At present we are attempting to build a base. Those dedicated families that we have are getting weary. What we need are some committed, dedicated families to move into the city, affiliate with us, and help share the burden.

We, of course, can make no promises, but we can help in directing you to large firms in the area that are constantly hiring. Two of the deacons in our church are executives and the third is a floor supervisor. The city is in a "boom town" category right now.

If you'd like more information write me.

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The Nicaraguan issue

Editor:

The article entitled, "Sisk of the CIC writes Reagan on Nicaraguan policies," which appeared in the Baptist Record May 31, 1984, states that the Nicaraguan Baptist Convention criticized U.S. support of the rebels fighting the Nicaraguan government and further states, "it is urgent that we make an all out effort to stop the plans for war and destruction designed against us."

It is ridiculous to believe that the contras or rebels who are composed of many Christian Miskito people as well as other freedom fighters have any design to destroy the Baptists of Nicaragua. To the contrary, the plight of the Miskito Indians in Nicaragua is quite serious. The Sandinista government of Nicaragua, backed by Cuba and the Soviets, has removed whole Miskito Indian villages, murdered, looted, and raped at will. The Sandinistas attempted to

make a no-man's-land between Nicaragua and Honduras. The Miskito people rebelled and decided to fight.

There are at least 25,000 Miskitos living in refugee camps in Honduras along with 20,000 other refugees who escaped the Marxist murderers. While I was working in the Miskito country in late May of this year, another 1,200 Miskitos came across the border in one night.

The Sandinistas have 160,000 soldiers, more than all the countries of Central America and Mexico combined. They plan on 'drafting' that many more into the army by mid-1985. Cubans, Soviets, and other communist "advisors" in Nicaragua number over 12,000 including the PLO, ETA, and North Vietnam. Is there any doubt to anyone who is preparing for war?

The goal of the propaganda war being carried on relentlessly by the Soviet KGB is to soften the American people toward communism. Such articles as that written by Sisk contribute to such a goal.

Hugh H. Andrews
Clarksdale

Picture of W. A. Roper

Editor:

Wynne Baptist Church, Wynne, Ark. is trying to locate the children or relatives of W. A. Roper to secure his picture for our church, where he was pastor 1918-1921. We would return the picture after copy is made. He was pastor of several churches in Mississippi after he was in Wynne, so perhaps some of your readers could help us. Any information will be appreciated by Wynne Baptist Church, Bridges St., Wynne, Ark. 72396.

Mary Alice Crawford
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Medicine for the poor

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church in Manaus. Among its members were two medical doctors who, under the supervision of the church, have since dispensed it to the poor in the area.

We have made some startling discoveries from our preparations for our trip to Brazil. Most important of these concerns the vast quantities of medicines that are destroyed in the United States every year that could somehow be dispensed to the poor of the world. A recent FDA regulation requires that all medicines in the U.S. carry an expiration date on their label. After that date it is illegal to dispense them and they must be destroyed. However, almost all of these medicines are still good for years past the "legally safe" expiration date. The strength of most medicines declines slowly with the passage of time. The expiration date is like the end of the warranty. No one abandons their car when the warranty expires.

The impact of the drug expiration date regulation is just now beginning to be felt by the many pharmacies, hospitals, and manufacturers in the United States. Many millions of dollars worth of life saving medicines are being destroyed each year.

The attitude of frustration the hospitals, pharmacies, and manufacturers appear to have toward destroying the out-of-date medicines has been often expressed. From many we have heard, "Why can't we find a way to get these shiploads of medicines to the poor of so many countries who are dying without them?" There must be a way to collect these medicines and distribute them to the poor of the world. But how?

Baptists urged to support drive against alcohol ads

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Southern Baptists have been urged to support a national campaign against the advertising of alcoholic beverages on radio and television. Mississippi already has an alcohol advertising ban.

Ronald D. Sisk, director of program development for the Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission, praised Project SMART (Stop Marketing Alcohol on Radio and Television) as a "realistic venture to end alcohol advertising's assault on our homes and families."

The national petition drive, intended to reduce the pressure on young people to drink, was launched June 25 by the Center for Science in the Public Interest, the National PTA, the National Council on Alcoholism, Action for Children's Television, and other supporting organizations. The project hopes to collect one million signatures.

The petition asks the President and Congress to ban TV and radio ads for alcoholic beverages or to require

A non-profit charitable Christian organization, "Medicines for Christ" has been established, which we believe can collect and distribute these medicines to the indigent of poor countries.

It is our plan to distribute the medicines through a system of mobile clinics manned by medical personnel as well as Christian counselors.

One final observation on this matter; our own government will have to become involved in it. The governments of the receiving nations will have to agree to allow the medicines to be carried into their countries. The medicines simply cannot be carried into their countries without customs clearance. Some medical missionary teams have had bad experiences trying to take medicines or supplies into several countries without this clearance. One case involved a team of opticians who carried a box of 900 pairs of used spectacles into Brazil to give to the poor only to have them confiscated by the customs agents. A negotiated agreement between nations can solve this problem.

Now to the churches who might become involved in this program. About 1,950 years ago on Palm Sunday, Christ rode into Jerusalem with vast crowds following Him. His enemies said, "We've lost. Look—the whole world has gone after him!" (John 12:19, The Living Bible) The crowds began following Him when they realized that here was a Man who could "heal the sick" (John 6:2; Matthew 14:14) For the first time since that period the churches can draw crowds in the same manner, by giving the poor and destitute hope that their sick can be healed FREE and at the same time point the way to

Christ, the healer of both body and soul.

Perhaps these discarded medicines, like the "stone that was abandoned by the masons," (Matthew 21:42; Ephesians 2:20; 1 Peter 2:6) can be the "Cornerstone" of a worldwide Christian ministry to the poor.

John F. Cole, a pharmacist, is a member of Calvary Church in the Oak Grove Community near Hattiesburg.

BTN goes on Spacenet

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—BTN (Baptist Telecommunication Network) began transmitting to churches on Spacenet I satellite July 2 after the transponder was made available by the GTE Corporation following extensive tests.

BTN, the teaching and training network for churches sponsored by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, transmitted simultaneously July 2-6 on Spacenet I and Westar V, which was leased temporarily for BTN. The simultaneous transmissions were done to allow churches to locate the permanent transponder for BTN on Spacenet I.

Spacenet I and Westar V are located at 120 degrees west and 123 degrees west, respectively, according to Joe Denney, manager of telecommunications at the Sunday School Board.

To move from Westar V to Spacenet I requires only a minor adjustment of the satellite receiving antenna. There is no other satellite between the two. BTN is on transponder I on the Spacenet I satellite.

On July 2 BTN began full schedule programming of six hours each day from the network uplink facility which is located approximately three miles south of the Sunday School Board.

ACTS, the American Christian Television System, operated by the Radio-Television Commission, will continue using the transponder on Westar V for the present, according to Greg Warner of the Radio-Television Commission. On Oct. 1 ACTS will begin transmitting through Spacenet I, likely in addition to transmitting through Westar V.

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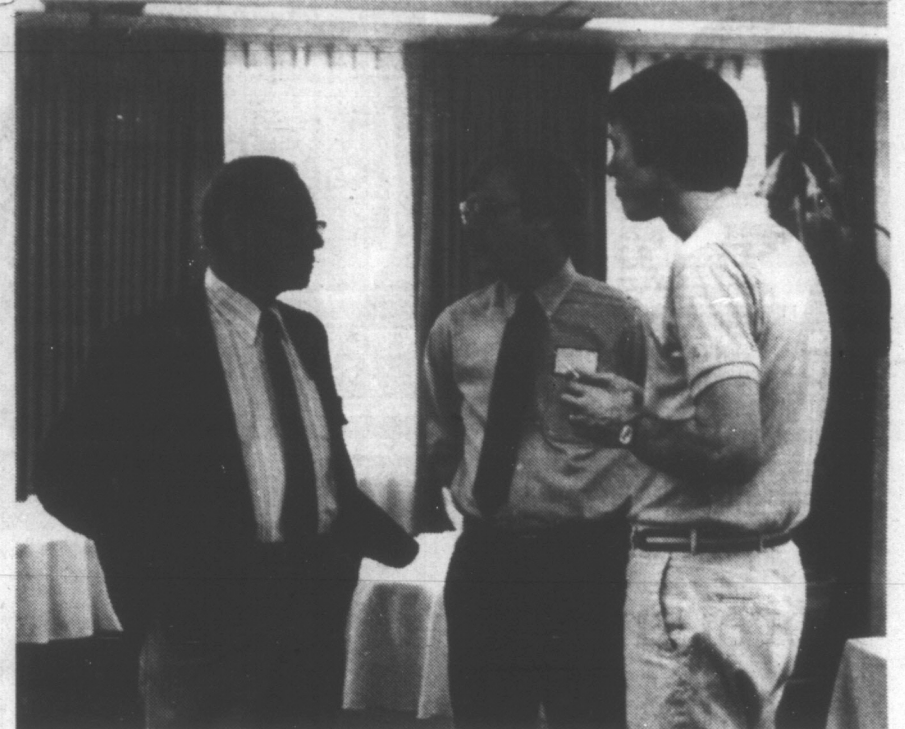
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Doctors, dentists elect Cope

Retiring missionary James Foster talks with dentists Bill Boetler and Lee Cope as a breakfast for the Mississippi Baptist Medical/Dental Fellowship held in May in Jackson. Cope, who lives in Clinton, is new president of the group. Vice president/president elect is Terry Bailey of Canton; and secretary is Earl Stubblefield of Jackson. The organization exists for Christian fellowship and missions service. For details on membership, contact the Brotherhood Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

Alumni to meet Aug. 11 at India Nunnery campus

The alumni reunion association of The Baptist Children's Village will convene in its bi-annual session in Powell Chapel on the India Nunnery Campus on Saturday, August 11.

The event is for all former residents and staff members of Mississippi Baptist Orphanage or The Baptist

Children's Village.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. in Powell Chapel and the program will begin at 10 a.m.

All alumni and their families will be guests of Village staff and children at a luncheon to be served in Hester Activities Building at noon.

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Mississippi Baptist activities

Aug. 3

Mississippi Baptist Youth Night; Mississippi Coliseum, Jackson; 7-10 p.m. (MBCB)

Robbers kill guard, seize goods

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they searched for others in the house, although Sledge told them they were alone. They broke down the door of the bedroom where Cathy Brown and Lucrette Wood had locked themselves into a bathroom. They broke down that door, threatened the women and took their valuables.

Before they reached the room of Lucille Buttram and Ruby Satterfield, a fourth man outside called them and they fled. Sledge said he believes the man had discovered that the guard, whom they had left for dead, was gone and feared he had called the police.

Robinson, although beaten and shot, managed to get to a nearby golf course where two policemen were patrolling. They took him to the hospital and called more police to the villa. "He just literally gave his life for us because he fought them off as much as he could," said Sledge of Robinson.

The gardener next door reported seeing the men leave in two vehicles. One was a Toyota automobile rented by the Foreign Mission Board for the volunteers' use, and the other is believed to be the vehicle the robbers arrived in. As of early July 20, none of the robbers had been apprehended.

The six volunteers and another team of six from LaGrange returned home July 18 as soon as police completed questioning them.

Four other groups also working on the Brownstown preaching circuit and the rest of the volunteers stayed until July 23 to complete the Bible schools and evangelistic services.

Sledge said he hoped the incident would not hamper the Bible School project, but that he did hope future volunteers would be aware of dangers they might face in traveling overseas.

Southern Baptist volunteers have helped with Bible Schools in Jamaica for the past six years, enrolling more than 40,000 children in Bible School during that time, said Baxley. This year, with the largest group of Southern Baptist volunteers ever to work on a single project at one time, he expects Vacation Bible School enrollment to total about 20,000.

There were 54 Mississippians participating from a number of churches. Those churches included Diamondhead, Bay St. Louis; First, Columbia; First, Eupora; Cleary, Florence; Temple, Hattiesburg; Colonial Heights, Jackson; First, McComb; and First, Soso.

(Mary Jane Welch writes for the Foreign Mission Board.)

Homecomings

Antioch, Columbus: homecoming, July 29; morning worship at 11; dinner on the grounds; Jimmy Harrington, pastor.

Springfield, Adams: homecoming, July 29. Ralph Marshall, founding pastor will preach in the morning. Marvin Cobb will preach an afternoon service following dinner on the grounds. Barry Wilkinson is pastor.



Gulfshore Baptist Assembly summer staff

Pictured above is the 1984 summer staff of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly. These young people represent 14 college campuses from across Mississippi and they assisted in helping to provide the services necessary for the operation of Mississippi Baptists' conference facility. Summer attendance will be approximately 6,500 persons for the 25 conferences sponsored by the various departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

FRONT ROW: Daniel and Ray Alderman, Louisville, Ky; Cindy Alderman, Louisville, Ky; Helen Alderman, Louisville, Ky; Amy Alderman, Louisville, Ky; Sally Yarbrough, New Orleans, La; Lisa York, Gunnison; Heather Watson, Moreno, Janet Trotter, Columbus; Sherrie Lynn, Pascagoula; Dee Dee Kuneke, Indianola; Denise Lee, Pascagoula; Jennifer West, Gulfport.

SECOND ROW: David Nowell, Tunica; Jane Moreno, Long Beach; Janet Sessums, Jackson; Robbie Carter, Pontotoc; Teri Green, Tupelo; Melaine Hemphill, Louisville; Chris Conn, Crystal Springs; Judy Bracken, Meridian; Connie McCub-

bin, Meridian; Deanna Palmer, Tupelo; Harriet Hale, Pontotoc; Cliff Long, Booneville; Pete Pearce, Forest.

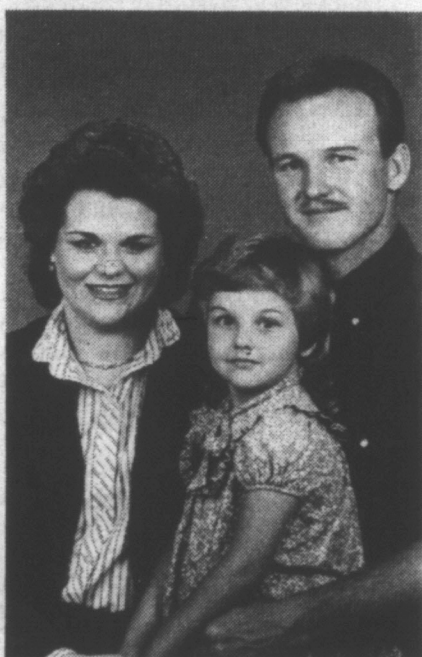
THIRD ROW: Kenny Crawford, Gulfport; Sharon Hargrave (houseparent), Louisville, Ky; Tim Atwood, Clinton; Steve Hughes, Morton; Mike Van Winkle, Pass Christian; Ralph Hayman, Yazoo City; Thomas Daymond, Perkinston; Kevin Hunsucker, Greenville; Russ Hayman, Yazoo City; Mark Long, Long Beach; Paul Hampton, Columbus.

FOURTH ROW: James Hargrave (houseparent), Louisville, Ky; Jim Jagers, Okolona; Doug Hollowell, Carriere; Barry White, Vicksburg; Kevin Gillentine, Tupelo; Alan Tucker, Greenville; Todd Watson, Greenwood; Frank Simmons (Manager), Long Beach.

NOT PICTURED: Lynelle Davis, Collinsville; Kelly Thornton, Bay Springs; Cheri Majors, Gulfport.



Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hughes and Joshua



Mr. and Mrs. Jody Nichols and Aubrey Jean

Seminary students will plant churches

Two Mississippi students at Southwestern Seminary, Jody Nichols and Guy Hughes, and their wives have volunteered to serve as church planters in Oregon through the Home Mission Board's Mission Service Corps.

This is a voluntary mission service situation during which the volunteers furnish their own financing. The two will be working with Riveria Church, Eugene, Ore., where Jeff Ware is pastor. Their work will be in aiding the church in establishing a mission in a building that is already in existence.

Both Nichols and Hughes are graduates of Mississippi College. Both are married and have one child each. Nichols is from Leland, and Hughes is from Jackson. They were ordained by Glendale Church, Leland, and Van Winkle Church, Jackson, respectively.

The mission in Eugene will be Harris Street Chapel.

Mrs. Nichols is the former Kathy Turner, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Turner of Louisville. Mrs. Hughes is the former Lisa Tubbs of Oxford.

Space still available at Gulfshore

Several summer and fall conferences still have openings for persons who wish to attend Gulfshore Baptist Assembly to take advantage of the retreat and training opportunities afforded to them. Frank Simmons, Gulfshore manager, reports that there are vacancies in Music Leadership, Sunday School I, V, and VI, Youth Conference IX, Church Training Leadership and Senior Adult IV. Those persons wishing to attend should contact the Gulfshore office for additional information about reservations for any of the conferences; contact the Baptist Building in Jackson if there are questions about the content of any of the programs that will be conducted at Gulfshore.

Help wanted in Iuka

Short Creek Church, Iuka, needs brick layers, sheetrock finishers, carpenters, and laborers to complete a church building.

There are 23,000 bricks on the site to lay plus 7,000 square feet of sheetrock to finish. The church needs up to 10 men for up to two weeks and will provide food and lodging.

The project is ready now and all materials are in place.

For details phone the pastor, G. D. Jones, Rt. 3, Box 80, Iuka, Miss., phone 423-9314, or contact the director of missions, Walter Ballard, phone 438-7546.

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Carey College plans campus married housing

By Larry Brumley

For the first time in five years, William Carey College will have on-campus housing available for married church vocation students this fall.

Johnson Hall, one of the original buildings of Mississippi Woman's College, the predecessor of William Carey College, is being "thoroughly renovated" into 16 modern apartments, said William Carey President J. Ralph Noonkester.

The 65-year-old former women's dormitory has been gutted by construction workers this summer and is being restructured into 14 one-bedroom apartments and two two-bedroom units. Each of the apartments will be furnished.

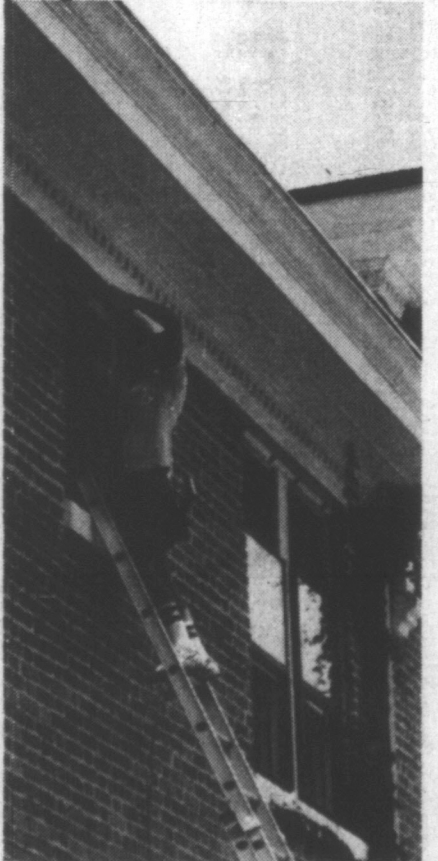
Johnson Hall was named for Dr. J. L. Johnson, who served as the first president of MWC from 1912-1932.

Ross Hall, another of the original buildings, will be renovated this fall into 32 suites that will accommodate 64 women. Each suite will feature a bathroom, carpet and draperies.

The apartments are available to married couples that have the husband or wife, or both, enrolled full-time (12 hours) in the biblical studies and church vocations or church music programs. A couple may also qualify for the housing if one of them is enrolled full-time in any academic field and is licensed or ordained by a Southern Baptist church.

With a ministerial student scholarship subsidy, the one-bedroom apartments will rent for \$160 a month and the two-bedroom apartments will be \$175 a month, utilities included. Space is still available. For more information, contact the Office of Student Development at William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss., 39401.

Larry Brumley is the new public relations director of William Carey College.)



A worker installs a window on the 65-year-old Johnson Hall on the campus of William Carey College. The dormitory is being thoroughly renovated to accommodate married ministerial students. The apartments are scheduled to be completed by fall.

Faces And Places

by anne washburn mcwilliams

Callaway Gardens

I like to travel so well that I will tour any place—even an information center outside a gate. Last week I almost settled for that. Vacation began for W.D. and me with a search for my roots at the Washburn Families of America Reunion at Haleyville, Ala. (initiated this year by Warren Washburn) and stop-overs at Mama's house near LaFayette, Ala., and with my sister, Betty, and niece, Luann, in Hogansville, Ga.

Friday was reserved for a visit to Callaway Gardens at Pine Mountain, Ga. Though the gardens are 60 miles from Mama's house and 30 miles from Betty's house, W.D. and I had not been there in 15 or 20 years. (For a long time, newly appointed SBC foreign missionaries have gone there for orientation. This year their orientation spot moved to Virginia.)

"We will meet you at the Pavilion," we had agreed with Betty and Luann, "by the beach." But Friday morning, rain began to fall. When Betty phoned early, Mama suggested, "Let's meet outside the second gate" because the day was too wet for swimming anyhow. We were to arrive at 10:30 "our" time and 11:30 "their" time. (Because the Alabama-Georgia line is also the time zone line, we in our family are always involved in confusion about this time business.)

W.D. and Mama and I got to that second gate by the Information Center at 10:45 CST. I took pictures of the exquisite little garden beside the entrance—huge scarlet hibiscus blossoms, hanging baskets of impatiens, flagstones, and a reflection pool. We waited an hour. At the receptionist's suggestion, we watched an 11-minute slide show of the garden's abundant offerings. Noon came. Still no Betty and Luann or brown-beige Buick Regal in sight. Thick clouds hovered. Drizzle brought a cold wind, and I borrowed one of the two jackets Mama had brought. The sun shone momentarily. Hunger set in. We were tempted to pull the picnic basket out of the car trunk, but we wanted all of us to be together and eat at those nice picnic tables over beside the Meadowlark Garden, inside the gate.

Wouldn't the buttered biscuits and honey they serve over on The Veranda by the lake taste good? Yet if we left, we might miss Betty and Luann, we thought. We toured the restrooms at the Information Center.

I called a friend of Betty's at Hogansville, who said they had left home at 10:30 CST (or was it EST?) Anyhow, there was no way it could have taken them three hours to drive 30 miles. "Maybe they are at the Pavilion. Maybe they still think that is the meeting place," I said. W.D. drove down to the first gate while Mama and I continued to watch at the second gate. He reported, "You can't get through that gate to look without paying \$7.50 (it's \$7.50 for beach and gardens, circus, etc. and \$3.50 for gardens only). I did finally get special permission to walk through alone and look, but if they had been there they had gone."

Nagging worry grew into frantic anxiety. Did they have car trouble? an accident? Were they even now in an ambulance or already in the hospital? We left and drove toward Hogansville along the route we felt they would have taken.

Just as we arrived there, those two drove up behind us! "Where were you?" they cried. "We've been at the Pavilion and inside the second gate and all over the gardens and looked for you in every grey car we saw." We were so worried. We thought you must have had a wreck."

(Can I squeeze in the word here that I have a new silver Pontiac?) All our words of reproach at the mix-up we swallowed, and celebrated in joy at finding each other alive!

Next morning at 8:30, three of us rode through the gate. I noticed a sign: "Remove nothing from the garden except nourishment for the soul, consolation for the heart, inspiration for the mind."

We walked through the horticultural center where floral displays inside and outside (tropical plants, ferns, trees from China and Japan, salvia, caladiums) gave the impression of flowing into one. Twenty-six folding doors, each 24 feet high and weighing 1,600 pounds, connected indoors with outdoors. If all the redwood in the serpentine seating were put together, we read, it would exceed the length of three football fields. Water cascaded over a 22-foot waterfall.

At the chapel in the woods by the lake, we listened to organ music. Two women entered with a basket of daisies and began arranging greenery on the platform. Decorating for a wedding?

Beyond the Holly Trail, we arrived at Mr. Cason's Vegetable Garden and its demonstration flower and vegetable plot—"Stage Setting for 'The Victory Garden'" (That's one of my favorite television shows.) I could have sat at least a month beneath the golden rain tree beside an arbor, drinking in the view of roses and larkspur, crepe myrtle and zinnias, squash and tomatoes and brilliant little peppers called Caribbean siesta.

The small garden outside the gate had only been a tiny sample of what waited on the inside. I wonder if life on earth could be compared to that little preview outside the gate, and life in heaven the luxuriant garden itself?

Another comparison I see. Some who serve mammon linger outside. They are satisfied with touring the Information Center, and never choose to enter the gate that would spread before them the indescribable beauty that comes with choosing God's Way.

We never can prove the delights of God's love until all on the altar we lay.—J. H. Sammis

Behind a frowning providence God hides a smiling face.—William Cowper

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Preschool weekend slated

"Dare to... Train up a Child" is the theme of the Preschool/Children's Weekend at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Sept. 7-8.



Price

The weekend, sponsored by the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will include age level conferences for the six groups of preschool and children's workers.

Max Price, clinical psychologist from Oklahoma City, will be the guest speaker talking about effective methods of teaching, growth for both the teacher and the child, and ministering through outreach and times of crisis. He is the author of *Understanding Today's Children*.

Fair exhibits will be on hand to give leaders ideas in various teaching techniques. There will be booths relating to learning stations, memory verses, resources, and games.

To register, write Frank Simmons, manager, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, Miss., 39571.

Hudgins Conference set

First Church, Jackson, is sponsoring its second W. D. Hudgins preaching conference, July 29 and 30. At 7 p.m. July 29, Craig Skinner, professor of preaching at Golden Gate Seminary, will present a stage portrayal of C. H. Spurgeon, Baptist preacher, the 150th anniversary of whose birth is being celebrated this year.

On July 30, Frank Pollard, presi-

dent of Golden Gate Seminary, and former pastor of First Church, Jackson, will preach at 7 p.m.

The late W. D. Hudgins was pastor of First Church, Jackson for 23 years, and was executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for five years. The conference is named in his honor.



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Gifts to the Annie Armstrong Offering are listed January 1 through June 30, 1984 with 1,423 churches participating.

ADAMS BETHLEHEM 890.00 CLIFF TEMPLE 1,302.03 CLOVERDALE 628.56 CRANFIELD 167.00 FBC HATCHEZ 3,445.25 IMMANUEL 1,140.00 MORGANTOWN 1,220.21 PARKWAY 1,903.12 SOUTHERN HILLS 2,000.00 SPRINGFIELD 550.00 STANTON 60.25 WASHINGTON 755.20 14,550.62	ALCORN ANTIOCH 168.68 BETHLEHEM 70.00 COUNTY LINE 250.00 DANVILLE 41.00 EAST CORINTH 669.81 FBC BIGGERSVILLE 1,142.29 FBC CORINTH 2,095.36 GLENDALE 364.08 HINKLE 400.00 HOLLY 378.00 JACINTO 328.00 KENDRICK 239.41 KOSSUTH FIRST 292.00 OAKLAND 1,191.46 PACED 612.51 SHILOH 276.00 SOUTH CORINTH 442.00 TATE STREET 6,005.25 TISHOMINGO CPL 1,500.00 UNION 357.35 WHEELER GROVE 2,500.00 18,781.20	ATTALA BEREA 200.00 BOWLIN 75.00 FBC KOSCIUSKO 3,224.41 HURRICANE 89.00 JERUSALEM 5.00 MCADAMS 1,072.00 MCCOOL 509.30 PARKWAY 1,125.16 PEELER NEW 75.00 PILGRIMS REST 40.00 PLEASANT RIDGE 47.18 SALLIS 1,036.03 SAND HILL 35.00 SECOND KOSCIUSKO 912.10 UNITY 45.00 WILLIAMSVILLE 593.00 YOCKANOOKANY 365.20 ZAMA 9,621.58	BENTON ASHLAND 1,742.15 PINE GROVE 1,899.15	BOLIVAR BETHLEHEM 105.00 BENNETT 411.00 CALVARY 1,072.91 CHINESE 180.00 DUNCAN 425.00 FBC CLEVELAND 4,157.00 FBC HOESDALE 501.52 FBC SHELBY 65.50 GUNNISON 1,710.00 IMMANUEL 1,590.50 MERIGOLD 66.92 MORRISON CHAPEL 92.35 PACES 75.00 PROVIDENCE 1,535.39 SHAW 344.00 SKENE 1,085.00 TRINITY 270.00 YALE STREET 633.37 15,826.46	CALHOUN ANTIOCH CAL 150.00 BANNER 542.39 BETHANY 894.00 BIG CREEK 86.00 BRADFORDS CHAPEL 645.00 DERMA 300.00 DRIVERS FLAT 300.00 DUNCAN HILL 1,072.91 ELLARD 1,731.49 FBC BRUCE 3,835.30 FBC CALHOUN CITY 550.00 LIBERTY ROAD 25.00 LOYD 100.00 MACDONALD 401.00 MIDWAY 60.00 MT COMFORT 60.16 MT MORIAH 943.35 NEW HOPE 60.00 NEW LIBERTY 163.42 OLD TOWN 254.00 PILGRIMS REST 30.00 PITTSBORO 790.70 PLEASANT HILL 208.70 POPULAR SPRINGS 169.00 PROVIDENCE 100.00 ROCKY BRANCH 546.77 ROCKY MOUNTAIN 20.00 SABODIA 243.00 SAREPTA 10.00 SECOND CALHOUN 1,709.63 SHILOH 100.00 SPRING HILL 194.95 TURKEY CREEK 67.15 VICTORY 203.75 WESTSIDE 17,168.56	CARROLL CARROLLTON 1,973.03 LIBERTY 270.65 MT OLIVE 269.44 N CARROLLTON 1,603.54 PROVIDENCE 206.00 VAIDEN 633.09 VALLEY HILL 280.00 5,405.71	CHICKASAW ANITY 200.00 BETHLE 314.61 CARNATION 200.00 FBC HOUKA 1,601.22 FBC HOUSTON 1,524.00 FBC OKULONA 560.20 MCCONDY 100.00 PARKWAY 415.46 PLEASANT GROVE 160.00 PLEASANT RIDGE 630.00 SCHODDER VALLEY 75.00 SHILOH 630.00 VAN VLEET 15.00 WOODLAND 126.00 6,651.53	CHOCTAW ACKERMAN 1,118.58 BETHLEHEM 250.00 BLYTHE CREEK 66.00 CHESER 455.00 COVENANT 43.22 CROSS ROADS 35.00 FELLOWSHIP 511.66 FRENCH CAMP 205.00 MT RIGGANS 372.00 NEW HAVEN 161.00 NEW ZION 135.00 WEIR 3,672.46	CLARKE ANTIOCH 204.50 CALVARY 179.00 CENTER RIDGE 472.70 DE SOTO 503.00 ELIH 195.00 ENTERPRISE 3,800.00 FBC QUITMAN 3,111.95 FBC STONEWALL 359.75 HARMONY 431.00 HEBRON RIDGE 125.00 KNIGHTS VALLEY 30.00 MONT ROSE 308.00 MT ZION 350.76 OAK GROVE 463.00 PACED 290.00 PHALTI 45.00 PINE GROVE 500.00 PINE HILL 310.00 PLEASANT HILL 1,269.70 ROLLING CREEK 591.49 SHUBUTA 370.00 SOUENLOVE 500.00	CLAY CALVARY 1,607.86 ENUN 227.93 FBC WEST POINT 3,731.00 NEW MONTPELIER 200.00 PHEBA 140.00 SILAM 659.00 TRINITY 61.70 WEST END 1,724.23 8,909.69	COPIAH ANTIOCH 25.00 BETHLE 588.25 COUNTY LINE 335.00 FBC CRYSTAL SPGS 4,890.12 FBC HAZLEHURST 4,173.00 GALLMAN 821.08 GEORGETOWN 740.79 HARMONY 669.43 HIGHLAND 758.16 HOPEWELL 100.00 NEW PROVIDENCE 530.00 NEW ZION 300.00 PILGRIM VALLEY 300.00 PILGRIMS REST 759.32 SARDIS 306.00 SHADY GROVE 499.71 SHYRNE 759.00 SPRING HILL 600.00 STRONG HOPE 708.91 SYLVARENA 650.00 WESSUM 550.00 ZION HILL 34.36 18,728.16	COVINGTON CALHOUN 841.00 COLD SPRINGS 738.84 COLLINS 3,424.83 FBC MT OLIVE 416.00 MT HURER 342.07 NEW HOPE 74.25 PACED 379.46 ROCK HILL 509.93 SALEM 821.54 SEMINARY 1,280.50 UNION NORTH 30.00 UNION SOUTH 65.00 WILLOW GROVE 605.70 10,653.12	FRANKLIN CONCORD 140.82 DAMASCUS 450.00 FBC BUDE 1,200.00 HAMBURG 228.00 HOPEWELL 335.00 LUCIEN 652.50 MEADVILLE 2,025.48 MT ZION 95.00 NEW SALEM 251.30 PROVIDENCE 1,062.18 ROXIE 1,067.00 SILAM 510.00 UNION 405.00 9,289.37	GEORGE AGRICOLA 781.72 BARTON 789.36 BEALEY 70.70 FBC LUCEDALE 3,712.74 MIDWAY 25.00 NORTHSIDE 81.00 ROCKY CREEK 4,621.40 SANDY BLVD 358.00 SOUTHSIDE 257.00 10,693.92	GREENE AVERA 50.21 CEDAR GROVE 108.65 FBC LAKESVILLE 1,247.00 FBC MCCLAIN 230.00 NEELY 60.00 PINE LEVEL 113.00 SAND HILL 3,939.00 UNITY 55.00 W SALEM 300.00 6,102.86	GRENADE AIRPORT 271.70 EMMANUEL 632.73 FBC GRENADE 4,300.08 FRIENDSHIP 405.60 GORE SPRINGS 305.00 LOYD 471.00 HEBRON 731.45 HOLCOMB 148.00 PROVIDENCE 60.00 TEMPLE 175.00 7,898.56	GULF COAST BAY VISTA 2,663.19 BAYVIEW 952.15 BEL AIRE 841.12 BIG LEVEL 1,087.00 BIG RIDGE 741.62 BROADMOOR 316.00 BRUDIE ROAD 195.00 CLAY 91.00 DIAMONDHEAD 539.00 EAST HOWARD 435.75 EASTSIDE 35.00 EMMANUEL 321.00 FAITHVIEW 500.00 FBC BLOXI 3,772.31 FBC GULFPORT 11,396.90 FBC LONG BEACH 2,285.25 FBC LYMAN 2,434.46 FBC MCHENRY 400.00 FBC PEAPLINGTON 400.23 FBC PAVLAND 294.10 FBC WIGGINS 2,316.29 FERWOOD 611.08 FORREST AVE 237.00 GRACE MEMORIAL 2,301.37 GULF GARDENS 129.00 GULFPORT HGTS 626.48 HANDSBURG 2,553.29 LIZANA 143.00 MICHAEL MEMORIAL 1,539.29 NORTHWARD BAPT C 77.00 OLIVET 666.29 PACED 261.50 PINE VIEW 862.63 POPPS FERRY CPL 261.50 PRIM IGL BAY MSN 200.00 RIVERSIDE 200.31 SHARON 423.43 SHILOH MEMORIAL 300.00 SHORELINE PARK 282.63 SUCCESS 25.00 TRINITY 175.10 W GULFPORT 751.00 WOODMARKET 782.30 44,461.28	HINDS-MADISON ALTA WOODS 7,026.00 BAPT FOUNDATION 14,691.07 BETHLEHEM 2,685.57 BRIARWOOD DR 2,927.07 BROADMOOR 21,979.73 BURCH HILL 45.00 BYRAM 688.00 CAMDEN 20.00 CENTER TERRACE 633.35 DANIEL MEW 4,118.02 EDWARDS 439.00 EMMANUEL 893.60 FARMHAYN 312.00 FBC BYRAM 1,020.00 FBC CANTON 721.01 FBC CLINTON 6,397.39 FBC JACKSON 51,068.74 FBC MADISON 3,388.13 FBC RIDGELAND 2,065.40 FBC TERRY 2,065.40 FLORA 897.77 FOREST HILL 2,754.72 GRIFFITH MEW 1,008.17 HIGHLAND 1,011.60 HILLCREST 3,653.50 LAKESHORE 155.00 LEARNED 777.00 MCDOWELL ROAD 1,136.15 MIDWAY 712.00 MORRISON HEIGHTS 9,221.75 NORTHMINSTER 835.00 NORTHSIDE 2,791.01 OAK FOREST 8,163.96 PARK HILL 472.00 PARKWAY 7,725.00	HOLMES ANTIOCH 50.00 BETHLEHEM 200.00 CRUGER 217.00 EBENEZER 265.15 EMORY 35.00 FBC DURANT 1,317.80 FBC EXINGTON 2,128.15 FBC THULA 700.00 HORSESHOE 300.00 MAIN ST GOODMAN 313.00 MT PLEASANT 100.00 OAK GROVE 50.00 OREGON 25.00 PICKENS 345.00 WESSUM 550.00 WEST 6,271.70	HUMPHREY CALVARY 370.00 EASTSIDE 1,283.50 FBC BELZONI 2,230.00 FBC ISOLA 550.50 GOLDEN GATE 1,609.86 SILVER CITY 317.10 4,920.96	ITAWAMBA FAIRVIEW 192.00 FBC FULTON 454.25 LAKELAND 75.00 NEW HOME 30.00 RIVER HILL 65.00 SALEM 225.00 TRINITY 1,202.59 2,367.93	JACKSON ARLINGTON HGTS 1,275.25 BELLEFONTAIN 918.00 BELLEVILLE 195.00 CAMBRIDGE 490.05 E MOSS POINT 1,808.75 EASTLAWN 758.36 EMMANUEL 443.03 FBC ESCATAWPA 1,671.93 FBC GAUTIER 4,001.51 FBC HELENA 536.83 FBC MOSS POINT 3,505.84 FBC OCEAN SPRING 2,406.96 FBC PASCAGOULA 4,228.30 FBC VANCELEAVE 1,113.90 FIRST INDIAN 100.00 FORT BAYOU 239.00 GRACELAND 347.00 HURLEY 52.00 INGALLS AVE 1,515.24 JACKSON AVE 518.82 KREOLE AVE 417.30 LEMOYNE BLVD 229.11 MAGNOLIA 125.00 MCCLLAIN RD 110.75 PINE CREST 270.00 PINEVIEW 77.50 RIVERSIDE 629.70 SOUTHSIDE 56.00 TEMPLE 93.00 UNITY 202.00 WADE 1,141.00 WOODHAVEN 223.95 31,005.95	JASPER ANTIOCH 55.00 BAY SPRINGS 2,099.48 BETHANY 33.00 CALVARY 165.00 CORINTH 301.22 DUN 200.00 FAIR RIDGE 150.00 FBC ROSE HILL 165.00 FBC SHADY GROVE 717.00 FBC SHILOH 250.00 HEIDELBERG 345.00 LAKE COMO 514.00 LOUIS 325.00 MONTROSE 500.00 NEW CONCORD 260.00 NEW FELLOWSHIP 565.40 UNION SEMINARY 7,203.65	JEFF DAVIS BETHLEHEM 1,252.00 CALVARY 1,150.00 CENTERVILLE 50.30 EASTVIEW 2,775.50 EMMANUEL 385.03 FBC FIELD 104.00 FAITH 80.00 FBC ELLISVILLE 2,503.68 FBC LAUREL 11,169.06 FBC OVERTON 1,295.00 FBC SHARON 1,890.29 FBC SOSO 401.25 FRIENDSHIP 315.00 GLADE 701.15 GRACEVIEW 400.00 HARMONY 647.43 HEBRON 967.00 HIGHLAND 1,970.55 HOUSTON ROAD 871.98 INDIAN SPRINGS 2,157.45 LAWN HAVEN 113.50 MAGNOLIA 1,400.00 MOSELEY MEW 285.19 OAKLAND GROVE 316.92 PINE GROVE 1,210.00 PLAINWAY 594.00 PLEASANT HOME 2,685.57 SALEM HEIGHTS 962.88 SAND HILL 544.00 SANDERSVILLE 1,325.00 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Devotional An average man

By Jack Price, pastor, Holly, Corinth

Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel (Joshua 1:2).

God chose Joshua to lead his people out of the wilderness into the promised land. You are probably asking the question, "What is so special about Joshua?" He was born while the Hebrew children were slaves to the Pharaoh in Egypt. He remained a slave for forty years before the Lord God commissioned Moses to lead the people out of slavery into the wilderness. He was not a young man when God called him to succeed Moses as leader of Israel; Joshua was 80 years old. Joshua was a man of great courage; yet, he depended upon God to reveal his will to his people and himself. His real desire was not a quest for greatness, but to be an obedient servant of his Lord.

This man rose out of the ranks of mediocrity to be the leader of a nation because of his love and obedience to God. He proclaimed confidently to the people who were worshipping pagan gods, "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15). God used him to conquer the land and lead his people. Because of great things he accomplished through the power of the Spirit, the people magnified the name of Joshua's God throughout the land.

Friend, never say "God cannot use me because I don't have any talents or abilities!" God employs average people who make themselves available to him. He blessed Joshua because Joshua recognized his weaknesses and dependence upon God. Joshua claimed the land which God had given him. Will you claim the blessing which God wants to give you?

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5). Trust in God and depend upon him and you will rise up from spiritual mediocrity into a spiritual man of God who has an active prayer and devotional life and lives each day by faith.



Price

Names in the News

SARASOTA, Fla. — William S. Hardin, 81, died July 4 in Hinds General Hospital in Jackson. Services were held July 5 at Wright & Ferguson Funeral Home with burial in Clinton Cemetery. A native of Toomsaba, Miss., he had lived in Sarasota, Fla., for 15 years. He was a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He served pastorates in Adair, Ky., and Drew and Titusville, Fla. He founded the Gulf Gate Baptist Church at Sarasota after 50 years of ministry. He retired in 1972. He is survived by his wife, Vergie Turcotte Hardin and sister, Mrs. Leon (Nell) Smith of Toomsaba.

Two Mississippi pastors received the doctor of ministry degree from Bethany Theological Seminary during graduation exercises May 18. They are Ray Hodges, pastor of Crooked Creek Church in Lawrence County, and Gerald Shook, pastor of Anchor Church near Water Valley. Both men also attended a two-day Bible conference in conjunction with the graduation service.

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Neely Russell's golden anniversary, their nieces and nephews gave a reception July 15 in the Fellowship Hall of Longview Church from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. Mr. Russell has been a member of Longview Church since 1906.

NEW ORLEANS — Max E. Thornhill of Brookhaven, has been elected to the New Orleans Baptist Seminary Foundation board of directors.

Thornhill is involved in oil exploration and is a member of First Church, Brookhaven, where he is a deacon, choir member, and Sunday School teacher.

BIRMINGHAM, Al. — Three volunteers from Mississippi attended the Literacy Missions Leadership Workshop at Samford University July 9-13.

Conducted by Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board literacy specialist Mildred Blankenship, the workshop prepared the workers to conduct similar workshops in their home areas.

Attending from Mississippi were: Toshiko Shumock Pigford of Pascagoula, and Frances B. Raley and Harry L. Raley, both of Jackson.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP) — Delores "Dee" Gilliland, marketing communication specialist at Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, will become Kentucky WMU EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/TREASURER man Stockdale, Biggersville Church, Alcorn, music evangelist; Billy

KANSAS CITY — More than 520 alumni of New Orleans Seminary elected Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, president of the seminary's national alumni association at a luncheon here.

And Grady Cothen of Nashville, president emeritus of the Baptist Sunday School Board and former president of the New Orleans institution, was named president-elect.

Landrum P. Leavell, president of the seminary, received the faculty's distinguished alumnus award. In presenting the award, Joe H. Cothen, vice president for academic affairs, noted the award was made over the objections of Leavell. President since 1975, Leavell earned the bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from New Orleans.

Fellowship, Jasper: July 29-Aug. 3; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; weeknights at 7:30 p.m.; Tim Reddin, evangelist; Tommy Harrison, music director; Michael Hawley, pastor.

New Zion, Monticello: July 29-Aug. 3; Sunday at 11 with dinner in the fellowship hall; evangelist, Julian C. Thompson of Bartahatchie Church, Hamilton; music evangelist, David Grimsley, minister of music and youth at Highland Church, Vicksburg; Marvin Taylor, pastor.

Phillipston, Leflore: July 29-Aug. 3; evangelist, Terry Runnels of Mendenhall; music evangelists, Robbie and Kathy Wier; lunch Sunday in the youth center; services at 7:30 p.m.; H. C. Bailey, pastor.

Thomastown Church, Thomastown (Leake): July 29-Aug. 3; Albert McMullen, pastor, Stonewall Church, Stonewall, evangelist; Harry Daniels, Carthage Church, directing music; 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; W. A. Troutman, pastor.

First, Lake: July 29-Aug. 3; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weeknights at 7:30 p.m.; evangelist, Larry Duncan, pastor of East Morton Church; music evangelist, Bob Coleman of Sunshine Church, Pearl; Ken McLemore, pastor.

Arkadelphia, Lauderdale: July 29-Aug. 3; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; weeknights at 7:30; evangelist, C. C. Randall, professor of evangelism at New Orleans Seminary; song leader, Darrell Trickett, minister of music at First, Collinsville; John W. Vaughn, pastor.

Arm Church, Silver Creek (Lawrence): July 29 to Aug. 3; John McBride, director, Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, evangelist; Jerry Boyd, Carmel Church, Monticello, music director; weekday services at 7:30 p.m.; L. C. Anthony, pastor.

Third doctorate

Percy Ray, pastor of Myrtle Church, and director of Camp Zion, Myrtle, was honored on May 25 with his third doctor's degree. An L.L.D. was conferred upon him after he had spoken to the 1984 graduating class of Covington Baptist Theological Seminary in Rossville, Ga. Ray received his first honorary doctorate on May 27, 1964. This degree (D.D.) was from Immanuel Baptist College, Atlanta, Ga.

He received his second doctorate (D.S.D.) in a most interesting way. While in Los Angeles, Calif. preaching, he led the president of The American College of Jujitsu to the Lord. The president was so grateful to him that he called the trustees of the college together and with their full consent conferred the honorary degree upon him.

Ray preached to a packed house at the graduation ceremonies for the Covington Baptist Theological Seminary, on the text "Be Careful Where You Pitch Your Tent."

Ray has been pastor of Myrtle Church, Myrtle, Miss., for 49 years. Recently on his birthday in early May his church honored him at a birthday reception in the Camp Zion Dining Hall.

Revival Dates

Bolton Church, Bolton: July 29 through Aug. 3; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekday services at 7:30 p.m.; different speakers each service: Sunday morning, Jack Stack, layman from Meridian; Sunday evening, J. W. Brister, director of missions, Hinds-Madison Association; Monday, Cliff Nelson, pastor Mountain Creek Church (Rankin); Tuesday, Barry Corbett, pastor, Pelahatchie Church; Wednesday, Earl Craig, pastor, First Church, Jackson; Thursday, Phillips McCarty, professor of religious education, Mississippi College; Friday, Jerry Williamson, pastor, Bolton United Methodist Church; Bill Clark, Jackson, music director; Wayne Burkes, pastor.

Tuscumbia, Prentiss Association: July 29 - Aug. 3; Sunday services at 11:30 and 6:30 p.m.; 7:30 p.m. during week; Daryl Oster, pastor, Sarepta Church, Franklin, evangelist; Truman Stockdale, Biggersville Church, Alcorn, music evangelist; Billy Dowdy, pastor.

Russell Church: July 29-Aug. 3; Benny Jackson, pastor from Memphis, Tenn., evangelist; Hubert Greer, Brookhaven, music evangelist; services on Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekly 7:30 p.m. J. Milton Burns, pastor.

New Zion, Braxton: July 29-Aug. 2; 6 p.m. Sunday; 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.; evangelist, Carlton McNeer, church pastor; music evangelist, Bob Harris.

Willow Grove, Covington: July 29-Aug. 3; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; with lunch served in the church at noon; Mon.-Fri. at 7 p.m.; Phillip Duncan, pastor at Mt. Horeb Church, evangelist; Dallas Rayborn, minister of music at Hurricane Creek Church, music evangelist; Billy Purser, pastor.

Ebenezer Church, Senatobia: July 29-Aug. 3; Sunday regular services; Mon.-Fri. 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; evangelist, James Travis, professor of Bible, Blue Mountain College; Mike Barham of Batesville, music director; Claude Lazenby, pastor.

Rehobeth, Pelahatchie: July 29-Aug. 3; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; evangelist, Gerald Harris, pastor of Colonial Heights, Jackson; song director, Butch Delk; Rick Hammarstrom, pastor.

Grace, Vicksburg: July 29-Aug. 2; evangelist, Mack Amis; music evangelist, David Talley; July 29 at 7 p.m., there will be a revival rally, preceded by Thursday and Friday all night vigil; Bryan Abel, pastor.

Hillsboro (Scott): July 29-Aug. 3; regular services Sun.; 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. during week; Howard Benton, evangelist; Wayne Cox, leading the music; Ricky Gray, pastor.

Shivers (Simpson): July 29-Aug. 3; Sonny Adkins, evangelist; Timmy Hubbard, singer; Sunday 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., with dinner on the grounds; Mon.-Fri. 7:30 p.m.; Philip Douglas, pastor.

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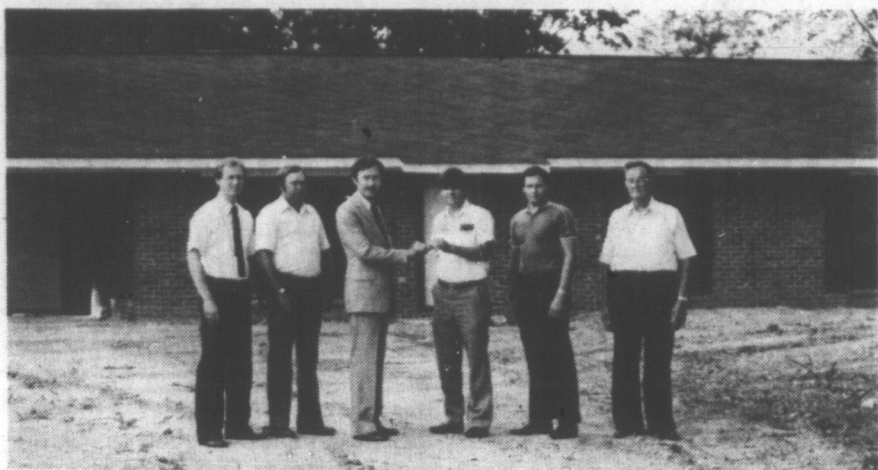
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Dr. Pollard will be ministering to the First Family and friends on Monday evening as a participant of Hudgins' Preaching Conference.



Oak Hill Church, Prentiss association, has finished their new pastorium. It is an energy efficient home with three-bedrooms, two-baths, single carport, spacious living room and utility room. Pictured left to right are building committee members: Joe Lindsey, Jerry Walden, pastor, Dwight Massengill; Ronny Rowland, Chairman; Donnie Dunaway; Edward Goodger; and not pictured, Duane Rinehart.

—Just for the Record—



The youth choir from First Church, Gautier, sang recently at Westside Church, Snellville, Ga.

The choir was on its way to Centrifuge at Greenville, S.C. The choir is directed by Chris Jenkins, minister of music. Billy R. Williams is pastor.

—Staff Changes—

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Ronald D. Sisk, director of program development for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, has accepted the pastorate of Tiburon Baptist Church in Marin County, Calif.

Russell Barksdale has joined the education staff of First Church, Jackson, as minister to single adults.



He comes to Jackson from Hoffmantown Church, Albuquerque, N.M., where he served as assistant pastor. As minister to single adults, Barksdale will be responsible for coordinating the Divorce Recovery Seminar at First Church, as well as planning, developing and implementing singles' retreats, social activities, Bible studies, and church programs related to single adults, career single adults, and formerly marrieds.

Another addition to the education staff is Rick Ball, as minister to students. Rick is former minister to youth of First Church, Lake Charles, La. He will work with youth and college students.

A native of Lumberton, he is a graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary.

Harlands Creek Church, Holmes County, has called Ellis Jones of Jackson as pastor.

George Thomas has resigned the pastorate of Mount Zion Church, Lowndes County.

Forrest Poindexter has resigned as pastor of Sherman Church, Calhoun County.

Mt. Olive group travels to Honduras

In June a group of 10 people from First Church, Mt. Olive, joined with 37 others from Baptist and other denominational churches on a dental-medical mission trip to Honduras.

The group worked with independent missionary Charlie Herrington at a camp near Las Crucitas, Honduras.

The team, which included ministers, pharmacists, physicians, a dentist, and nurses, plus laypersons, worked four days, seeing 4,950 patients. There were 25,000 prescriptions filled, 1,712 teeth extracted from 462 people, and 199 made professions of faith in Jesus Christ.

Those from First Church, Mt. Olive, included Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Carr (he is a pharmacist), Kevin and Paige Carr, Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Walters (he is Mt. Olive pastor), Mrs. Pat Sullivan, and Stacey Sullivan.

Conscience, age eleven

A long old time ago, I overheard some men telling watermelon stories with a grin, laughing even at — "I made off with the biggest one, and that fellow chased me with a shot gun." "Ha! Ha!" "There are some watermelons in Grandpa's New Ground," I told May, my guest from town.

We ran across our field, beyond the cow lot. She wore sandals, but my feet met soil, blister-hot. Artfully I jumped up on a stump, cooled for a step, and sped for another, two sisters also adept; and I carried Baby Sister. Defying the summer heat, we ran over the rows, down to the fence, crawled through and paused to cool in sequence under some shade trees, then slid down the bank into the road and up again over the flank of Grandpa's field, and there lay a bountiful crop. "Yawl quit squealing," I commanded. "Stop! Grandpa will think we're a bunch of thieves." "Well?" suggested May, tossing into the leaves her brother's pearl handled knife. I writhed, but the children must be fed.

I chose a beauty. The curl was dead, and we all thumped with little bitty fingers. I remember how watermelon juice lingers. Paths ran down Dot's dusty legs, and bordered her smile. Back home, troubled, I said after awhile, "Mama, I stole a watermelon." Mama pled, "Surely you didn't!" Three sisters nodded. May fled. Then I paced around outside, under Papa's pear trees, and I bargained with God. "If you will forgive me, I'll never steal again as long as I live." And I never did. Down at Grandpa's house, he met me on the porch. "Any time yawl want a watermelon, just go over there and get it."

My face was stricken, and he laughed at it. "Heh! Heh!"
—Violet Tackett, McComb

Our gyroscope

Our gyroscope,
God's changeless grace,
That holds its place,
Though planets spin
Through trackless space.

Our gyroscope,
God's constant peace,
Bids turmoil cease
In hearts that long
for fear's release.

Our gyroscope,
A steady place,
God's constant grace
That changes not
Through timeless space.

—Anna Jean Allen
Louisville, Miss.

Consider the lilies consider the sparrow

When you are ready to give up and
break down in despair,
Just give yourself a talking to and
breathe a simple prayer.
Life will have more meaning and you
hope the feeling lasts;
That you'll regain your balance and
count it all as past!

When you are ready to fall apart and
life has left you low,
Look up and out and all about instead
of down below.
Life is filled with blossoms, we should
understand and see —
That if our Maker loves a lily, how much
more he must love me!

When your steps are getting slower as
up the hill you climb,
"Let not your heart be troubled"—you can
reach the heights sublime.
This minute's yours, it's all you need
with open eyes to see—
That if our Maker loves a sparrow, how much
more he must love me!

—Mildred H. Bell
Grenada

Praise

As David penned his songs of praise
My heart a melody would raise.

Lord, let my praise be greater far
Than space above — or farthest star.

God gave David songs to sing
And choirs and instruments to ring.

A great musician, David — he—
All his talents were for thee
Thy shepherd-king he was to be.

—Lillian Peters Whitten
Macon

The giver

Who is the One who
gives us the trees,
The flowers, the sun, the
birds and the bees?
Oceans, dewdrops, the land,
and the clime,
The hour, the minute, eternity,
time?
Who is the One who gives us
the snow,
Summer sunshine, rain
the strong winds
that blow?
Who is the One who gave us
Earth and Mars, comets
and planets, craters and stars?

All the world's creatures,
some big and some small,
No matter how little, he loves
them all.
Who is the One who gave us
peace,
The One who gave us life that
will never cease?
The One who gave his Son from
above,
Out of his own sure true love?
He is the Giver, the Maker, the
One.
He is the Father, the Spirit, the
Son.

—By Gillian Parrish, 10 yrs. old
(Great-grandchild of Mrs. Ada Parrish,
West Laurel Baptist Church)

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By Bobby Lee, Tupelo
II Kings 14:1-3; 8-14

The reign of Amaziah over Judah (14:1-3). Amaziah had a long and good reign in Judah following the death of his father Joash. But he provoked an unnecessary war with Israel which Judah suffered humiliating defeat. Some years later, Amaziah's reign ended abruptly when conspirators killed him (v. 17-22).

Israel's war with Judah (8-14). Jehoash reigned as king in Israel while Amaziah was ruling as king in Judah. Amaziah served God but, like so many other kings before him, only halfheartedly. He tried to provoke Jehoash to go to war with Judah, but Jehoash attempted to avoid military conflict with Judah. In light of the challenge to war "sent to Amaziah" indicated that Jehoash opted for negotiation rather than military confrontation. Jehoash used a fable to show how utterly loathsome Amaziah's challenge was to the people of Israel. The gist of the parable is as follows: A puny, little thistle (Amaziah) endeavored to make himself equal to a fine cedar of Lebanon (Jehoash) and was trampled under foot as a result. In the bold message to Amaziah, Jehoash identified himself as both the cedar and the wild beast that trampled the thistle.

Jehoash contended that Amaziah's resounding victory over the Edomites had gone to his head, "Thine heart hath lifted thee up" refers to Amaziah's arrogant pride in the wake of his glorious victories. "Glory of

this, and tarry at home" is a suggestion by Jehoash that Amaziah be content with his glory and stay home. To take on Israel in military conflict would be to court disaster. Not only would Amaziah suffer as an individual, but the nation of Judah would suffer as a whole. Jehoash appealed to Amaziah's sense of responsibility for the well-being of his kingdom.

Amaziah totally ignored Jehoash's advice. He was asking for a fight and would get more than he expected. Israel was forced into war by Judah's insistent hostility. Once Jehoash realized that Amaziah was determined to go to war, he made the first move. The two kings met in battle at Beth-shemesh, located in a valley of the hill country facing west some fifteen miles west of Jerusalem. Jehoash never allowed Amaziah to enter the land of Israel. Israel's army took its stand for battle in a location "which belongeth to Judah."

That day at Beth-shemesh, Judah experienced humiliation and defeat at the hands of Jehoash and the Israelites. "Fled every man to their tents" means that the soldiers of Judah deserted and returned to their homes. "Tents," here is used for "homes."

Jehoash not only defeated the army of Judah but also took king Amaziah captive. He carried the conquered king of Judah to Amaziah's capital city, Jerusalem. There Jehoash de-

stroyed about 600 feet of the northern wall surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Jehoash had no intention of occupying the city of Jerusalem or of expanding the borders of Israel to include Judah. The gaping hole in the northern wall of the city, however, was a clear warning that the Israelites could return to Jerusalem and re-enter the city if they so desired. It was a subtle way of encouraging Judah to maintain peaceful relations with Israel.

Jehoash looted the Temple and the palace of their many treasures. Specific mention is made of "the gold and silver, and all the vessels" which were taken from the Temple. These were articles which the priests used during the worship ceremonies in the Temple. The reference to "hostages" is unique in biblical history. This is the only mention of hostages in the Old Testament. In this text "hostages" refers possibly to people taken as pledges for the fulfillment of the conditions of the peace. In order to insure that Amaziah would fulfill the conditions of peace, the king of Israel held some distinguished people of Judah, perhaps some of the king, as security until the terms of the agreement were fulfilled. The security measures insuring that Judah would maintain the peace were finally completed. Jehoash then took his soldiers and withdrew from the city of Jerusalem, returning to Samaria, the capital city of Israel.

Instructions to church

By Vernon L. Sikes, Yazoo City
I Peter 5:1-14

Before the early Christians could live the kind of lives and have the kind of faith that Peter had called for, the church had to be in proper accord with God and with each other. Of paramount importance to Peter were the actions of its leaders and their attitudes toward their places of service. Likewise, the members and leaders were to display a harmony indicative of their relationships to God.

I. A plea for humility (5:1-5)

Peter spoke with much experience and he wanted his readers to know that his message was not of Peter, but of God. He referred to himself as "... an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed..." (v. 1). He had witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus and knew of the glory that was in store at the second coming.

The church needed leaders who were willing, eager, and exemplary of what Christ's followers should be (vv. 2-3). The times were serious; the temptations toward backsliding and disloyalty abounded. Peter saw that the quality of church leaders was tremendously important. They had to be strong and of godly makings in order to lead their church members who are experiencing untold torment at the hands of their persecutors. Pastoral delinquency would only cause delinquency in the lower ranks of the church.

Peter made three statements that relate to the duties of the elder (church leader) as he related to his "flock of God" (v. 2).

First of all, the elder was to have a passion for what he was doing. "Constraint" (v. 2) is in opposition to "willingly" which is the ideal. The elder was not to serve out of a mere feeling of duty. Rather, he was to serve because of the spirit of God in him causing him to have a burning desire to serve in that capacity.

Secondly, the elder wasn't to make of their calling something financially profitable (v. 2) but rather, they were to serve eagerly, "of a ready mind" (v. 2) without regard for monetary matters or fame.

Finally, Peter charged the elders to leave off any domineering or dogmatic practices (v. 3), and to teach by examples.

The godly gain as opposed to the shameful gain (v. 2) would be granted when Christ "the chief Shepherd shall appear" and they would wear "a crown of glory that fadeth not away" (v. 4).

Peter addressed the younger members of the church in v. 5—those in the position of being followers rather than leaders. They were to submit themselves to the experience and wisdom of the older Christians, but with this thought of humility on the part of the younger members, Peter embraced the whole church when he said: "Yes, all of you, be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility..." (v. 5). God gives grace not to the proud, but to the humble (see Proverbs 3:34).

II. Exhortation to humility (5:6-11)

John Mason said, "The casting

down of our spirits in true humility is... like throwing a ball to the ground, which makes it rebound the higher toward heaven." Peter exhorted them to humble themselves under the mighty hand of God, not to be concerned about their earthly persecutions and cares, and in time, we would exalt them because he cared for them.

Peter called for them to be continually on guard against the snares of the devil (vv. 8-9) and to be strong in faith as their brotherhood of Christians endured the same. "But the God of all grace... after you have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you" (v. 10).

III. Conclusion (5:12-14)

The "Amen" had been said (v. 11) but Peter wasn't finished. Credit and greetings still had to be made.

Silvanus was the faithful right-hand man to both Paul and Peter. It is thought by some that Silvanus had a large share in the writing of this letter as he aided Peter in perfecting his Greek style. He was one of those men who had a major role in the progress of Christianity but who was satisfied with serving in the background so long as God's work was done. He and Marcus (Marcus likely refers to Mark, the writer of the gospel who was as a son to Peter) sent greetings to the recipients of Peter's letter.

"The church that is at Babylon (Rome)... saluteth you," tells us the city where Peter probably wrote the letter.

Peter called for them to show their unity with a "kiss of charity" and prayed "Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus" (v. 14).

Of all the teaching that Peter did in his letter to the dispersed Christians, the outstanding guide for Christian living can be reduced to one word—humility. As we humble ourselves before God, God takes control of our situations, and if such were done by every Christian then and today, what manner of persecution could harm us?

Life and Work

The mission of church

By Charles E. Myers, Jackson
Ephesians 3:8-21

Have you ever asked yourself, "What is the purpose of my church?" Or do you just attend services without any concern for the purpose? Surely an institution as important as the church has a purpose for being. And if it was instituted by God then we know for sure it has a purpose.

The church is a part of the redemptive purpose of God because all God does centers in redemption. In reality the main purpose of the church is redemptive. Everything she does, all that she teaches, every activity she sponsors should contribute to the total redemption of every life she touches.

In the early part of this third chapter Paul speaks of the mystery of God that had been concealed but had in later days been revealed in Christ. He spoke of how the mystery had been revealed to apostles and prophets, and how through their testimony the Gentiles had come to know the secret of that mystery. And now, Paul himself having been redeemed, has become the agent through which the Gentiles hear the message. If the purpose of the church is to be a part of God's redemptive process, how does she best accomplish that purpose?

I believe it begins with worship. A lot of people would say it begins with evangelism. Evangelism certainly is important, but one has to be rightly related to God before he can effectively share his faith with another. We must keep God in the center, not people. Our main reason for winning

people must be to honor God, not just to rescue people.

Through this communion with God one receives strength in the inward person and experiences the indwelling of Christ in the heart. He becomes rooted and grounded in love. It is upon people like this that the church is built and with people like this others are reached. We can not reach unredeemed people with people who live unredeemed lives. We have spent far too little time in our churches growing mature Christians through vital worship experiences. We have been so busy receiving people and adding numbers that we have forgotten the purpose for which these people were received. As a result our churches experience all kinds of problems and are making very little progress in redeeming the world.

Most churches have people who have hurt feelings and are not speaking to other members. Most churches have members who are not honest with the tithe, and as a result are not altogether honest with each other. Many people in our churches never make a visit, never share their faith, and cannot be counted on to make any kind of a contribution to the church. Very few of our members are faithful in their attendance and the vast majority let the church take second place if there is ever a conflict of interest. Is it any wonder we are failing in our efforts to win the world? The world does not want to be won to something that can do no more for an indi-

vidual than it sees done in most of us. And the reason we are like this is because our worship has become a routine observance of certain rituals rather than an encounter with a living God. We leave the service having done our duty rather than being excited because we have been with God. Most of us are aware only in theory that God is alive. We have never had an encounter with him. And our church continues to call what it does worship, when the living God is never met.

In the closing statement of the chapter Paul calls the church back to the center. All that we do is to bring glory to Jesus Christ our Lord. How we need to hear this! We are constantly tempted to place some person or some program in the center. We pay lip tribute to God, but our real motive is easily seen. Sometimes we have an individual in the center; everything revolves about that person. Sometimes we have a program, reaching numbers, meeting goals that make us successful. Sometimes our building is the center. Not any of these things are particularly bad; they are just not what ought to be in the center of our church. And a church with something besides Christ at the center will not help redeem the world. The purpose of the church is to honor God. As we do this we join him in redeeming the world. We fulfill our purpose and are effective in the world as we keep Jesus Christ at the center.

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